

# **Logisticians in action, FSC at work**

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FORT STEWART, GA – From 2 – 7 Dec 08 U.S. Army Logisticians, members of the Cold Steel team, concluded their first LOGPAC support mission for the 92D Engineer Battalion's first field training exercise in its new modular structure.

Soldiers of the Forward Support Company (FSC), 92D Engineer Battalion, stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga. easily accepted the challenge to display their technical skills during this week long battalion combat training exercise. FSC's mission was to provide support to sustainment operations. These operations included the provision of field maintenance, distribution-based re-supply of Classes I through VI and IX, and field feeding support for both the FSC and the 92D Engineer Battalion which totals over 450 Soldiers. During the Command Post Exercise (CPX), the 92D executed combat trains with the FSC conducting command and control over elements in three separate support training areas. Combat trains primarily consist of a FSC and a battalion medical unit. Medic support was provided by Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 92D Engineer Battalion. Company trains provide sustainment during combat operations and are an excellent resource for training during a CPX or a company evaluation. Additionally, company trains include the 1SG, medical aid/evacuation teams, supply sergeant, and the armorer. The FSC provides a FMT (Forward Maintenance Team) with capabilities for maintenance, recovery, and limited combat spares. The supply sergeant can collocate in the combat trains if it facilitates logistics package (LOGPAC) operations. Company trains were consolidated as part of the battalion trains.

During Black Diamond Talon, the CPX, the FSC consolidated all company trains in the battalion into two LOGPAC runs a day under the command and control of the Distribution Platoon Leader. Throughout the duration of the exercise the Soldiers traveled over 800 miles (10 trips), provided 4,740 gallons of fuel, and over 3,200 gallons of water. The FSC was also responsible for was the receipt, breakdown, storage, and issue of bulk Class I rations in support of the battalion. Loads were configured in 3 meal increments, broke down, and transferred to two field feeding sites where they were stored within refrigerated containers. The FSC prepared and served thirteen hot meals at FOB Diamond and provided for 12 meals at Evans Army Air Field. The Maintenance Platoon executed two recovery missions, conducted four vehicle services, and provided or assisted with four separate drivers training blocks of instruction: a 40 hour wheeled vehicle course, M88 familiarization, Palletized Loading System-PLS familiarization, and M113 familiarization.

This was a great learning experience for our Soldiers and Leaders alike and a chance for the battalion to see what the Forward Support Company can do for them!